

criminals. I had a ton of calls this week. The NRA did their job. All I did was answer the phone this weekend because they got one of their hot little messages that, hey, Morrissey is supporting the bill and then they put stuff in the message like this is the sixth day waiting, registration and all this other misinformation. I had a lot of people calling me. And of all those people that called me, only one that I...did not turn around and tell me on the phone before they hung up that 355, the buyer's card, is the way they would prefer to go. I told them I didn't think either one would pass, too much money. If it did pass, it was subject to veto and then I didn't think the veto would be overridden and thus, if nothing passed, they are opening themselves up to the seven-day waiting period coming out of Washington. And were they willing to roll the dice on that issue? And we discussed Ronald Reagan's conversion. And we discussed George Bush's spine. And they said, no, we're not willing to roll the dice on that issue because President Bush is already starting to waiver. Every single one of them, after being incited by the little message from the NRA, except for one, said, yes, the buyer's card is something that we can live with and we would prefer to do that than roll the dice on a seven-day waiting period from the feds. So I have no problem voting for this. I think it's definitely the best of the two options and it's the thing we ought to do. And I would urge you to defeat Senator Haberman's amendment and let's pass, move 355 ahead and get on with the rest of our business. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Chambers told you about some figures. I thought this was a handgun bill. These figures show that 59 percent of murders were caused other than handguns. Senator Chambers would have you do away with handguns, shotguns, rifles, knives, everything. Well, Senator Chambers, we had a murder out in my district with a pick-axe handle. Maybe we should outlaw pick-axe handles, anything that can kill somebody. Now, Senator Ashford says he has been in outstate Nebraska. Senator Ashford, Wayne is not outstate Nebraska, Hastings is not outstate Nebraska and Grand Island is not outstate Nebraska. He said that the homicide rate in Nebraska is low. All of the figures that you've been quoted by Senator Ashford are national figures, they're national figures, they're the Brady figures. They're emotional, they want to get people upset and angry. Handguns are bad. Well, a bill is not going to keep the handguns out of